

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 13, 2014

Agenda Item: Budget Update and Priorities

Division: Director's Office

Action Needed: Endorsement

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 minutes

Background

The Executive Planning Process (EPP), coordinated through the Governor's Office, is ready to begin for the 2015 Legislative Session. FWP's internal process involves establishing priorities that will drive preparation of proposed legislation and budgets. The Commission's role at this time is to review and approve the agency's priorities. Between January and June, the Department will develop legislation and budgets based on the approved priorities and submit them to the Governor. We will return in June for Commission review of the budget proposal and recommended legislation.

Public Involvement Process & Results

No formal public process is undertaken directly related to budget and priorities. However, the broad priorities are based on FWP's ongoing dialogue with constituents and regional citizen advisory councils. The public is also afforded the opportunity to comment on budget and legislative proposals through the Commission meeting process.

Alternatives and Analysis

The Commission can approve or suggest modifications to the agency's proposed legislative priorities. The Department will make every effort to implement these priorities based on Commission approval, executive direction, and the long-term benefits to the agency.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale:

The Department recommends the Commission approve the budget and priorities as presented.

Proposed Motion

I move the Commission approve the budget and priorities as presented.